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July 2024 Club Newsletter

The next general club meeting is Tuesday July 9, 2024, at the Turlock Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA 95380. The meeting's start time is 7:00 PM and doors will open at 6:30 PM. This will be the annual Club Potluck. Please bring something to share. Plates, silverware, napkins, and water will be provided.



From the desk of the ARC-Over editor:
Lucian KF6NPG

Welcome to the July edition of the ARC-OVER.



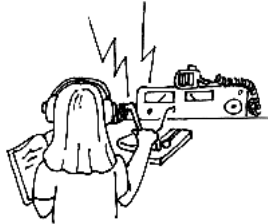
I hope everyone had a happy and safe Fourth of July celebration. I know everyone in my neighborhood did as there were lots of fireworks going off. Be mindful of the dry conditions as we are in the midst of fire season and there have been several wildland fires in our surrounding area.

Remember that at this month's meeting will be the annual club potluck. Please bring something to share. Plates, silverware, napkins, and water will be provided. Dinnie N6LTW will have some photos to share on Field Day.

Summer is in full force with some extremely high daily temperatures. Please stay hydrated. There was information on how to beat the heat in last month's newsletter. For additional information check out www.stanemergency.com

If you have not already done so, please consider renewing your club membership. Dues pay for the club activities and most importantly paying the rent and maintenance of the club repeater system. Thanks to everyone who has renewed, joined, or donated to the club.

Ed K7ERD has been running the club net on Tuesday's and he is always looking for other club members to assist. Thanks to Fernando W6FRD as he has been running some of the nets to help. If you are interested in running a club net, please contact Ed at a club meeting or on the net to let him know.



PREZ SEZ:

Bambi KI6YQL

It's the 4th of July and bone dry; fireworks are booming, and fires are starting. We have seen a huge increase of grass fires in the last few weeks. They talk about green and defensible space around homes, but towers need defensible space too, as wire can burn even if your tower is metal, so mow early in the morning around your towers and if possible, keep a green space or some nonflammable area around them. The heat is projected to ramp up next week so stay safe and hydrated. Have a great 4th of July!



Amateur Radio Operators, or “hams,” have a long history of serving their communities when storms or other disasters damage critical communication infrastructure, such as cell phone towers and fiber optic networks. Amateur radio functions completely independent of the internet and phone systems, and a ham radio station can be set up almost anywhere in minutes. Amateurs can quickly raise a wire antenna in a tree or on a mast, connect it to a radio and power source, and communicate effectively with others.

The ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Service® ARES® (www.arrl.org/ares) consists of hams who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment with

their local ARES leadership for communications duty in the public service when disaster strikes. They use their training, skills, and equipment to prepare for and provide communications during emergencies When All Else Fails®. (Courtesy of the ARRL (Amateur Radio Relay League).

If you are interested in emergency communications and serving the community, please consider joining Merced ARES. They have a weekly radio net on Mondays on the TARC repeater at 7:00 pm. **A big thanks to Dinnie N6TLW for running the voice nets.** They meet monthly on the third Wednesday at 6:00 pm at the Pizza Factory, 3146 G St. Merced, CA. **(Meetings are cancelled for June, July, and August).** For more information, please contact the Merced ARES Emergency Coordinator, Richard W6ABJ at info@w6bxn.org.

General Meeting Minutes
Turlock Amateur Radio Club
06/11/2024, 7:00p

Salvation Army Facility, 893 Lander Ave, Turlock

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm by President Bambi (KI6YQL) with 15 members and guests in attendance.

Secretary's Report

President Bambi (KI6YQL) entertained a motion that the minutes of the last membership meeting be accepted as published. Motion made by Jerry (KN6GJK) and seconded by Eric (K7RKU). Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Mike, (KG6VFL),

Debits: \$89.08 to PG&E for power at Mt. Bullion

Credits: \$50.00 dues collected

Ending account balances: Checking \$5,489.42, CD \$5,046.21

60 dues paid members.

Repeater Chairman's Report

Spencer (KJ6ART) absent.

Per Bambi (KI6YQL), the D-Star repeater has been removed from the Crystal Communications building as planned.

Membership Chairman's Report

John (N6JCS) absent.

ArcOver Publisher's Report

Lucian (KF6NPG),

Encouraged members to read this month's issues for historical information of interest on the TARC and SARA newsletters.

Vice President's Report

Lucian (KF6NPG), upcoming meeting presentations

- July (potluck) - Field Day, Donnie (N6TLW)
- August - Packet Communications, Spencer (KJ6ART)
- September - ARES, Richard (W6ABJ)
- October - Winlink, Lucian (KF6NPG)

Merced ARES Report

Dave (KG6NUO), announcement of upcoming month's plan for home radio testing of members.

VEC Report

No report

Old Business

- Discussion regarding the Buck Rock repeater and the lack of a memorandum of understanding with the Forest Service. Plans to get an MOU in place ASAP to protect our access.
- Question regarding the Los Banos repeater - in service or not? Discussion regarding whether the club wants to keep it up and running or not. Mention from Dave (KG6NUO) that there is an offer from the Los Banos Fire organization to use one of the "hard lines".

New Business

- Discussion regarding upcoming potluck. All are asked to bring a dish to the event. The event will be held in the meeting room at the Salvation Army.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:23 pm. Motion made by Ed (K7ERD) and seconded by Eric (K7RKU). Motion carried.

Eric (K7RKU), Secretary

We had a great meeting and after the meeting, refreshing Root Beer Floats.
Thanks to Mike KG6VFL and Lynn KM6DMF for bringing the supplies to the meeting.



UPCOMING EVENTS

On Going Events

[Electronics Flea Market](#) at West Valley College in Saratoga. Once a month on the second **Sunday**.

The club will sponsor 5 amateur radio license test sessions in 2024.

February 13, 2024, April 9, 2024, June 11, 2024 (CANCELLED), August 13, 2024, and October 8, 2024.

July

Tuesday 9th Club meeting at 7:00 pm at the Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA. In addition to the club meeting there will be a potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to share and your own utensils. There will be a presentation on Field Day by Dinnie N6TLW.

Wednesday 17th Merced ARES meeting 6:00 pm at the Pizza Factory 3146 G Street Merced, CA. (CANCELLED)

August

Tuesday 13th Club meeting at 7:00 pm at the Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA. There will be a presentation on packet by Spencer KJ6ART.

Wednesday 21st Merced ARES meeting 6:00 pm at the Pizza Factory 3146 G Street Merced, CA. (CANCELLED)

September

Tuesday 10th. Club meeting at 7:00 pm at the Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA. There will be a presentation on ARES by Richard W6ABJ.

Wednesday 18th Merced ARES meeting 6:00 pm at the Pizza Factory 3146 G Street Merced, CA.

October

Tuesday 8th. Club meeting at 7:00 pm at the Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA. There will be a presentation on Winlink by Lucian KF6NPG.

Wednesday 16th Merced ARES meeting 6:00 pm at the Pizza Factory 3146 G Street Merced, CA.

TARC System Nets

- TARC Tuesday Night Net - Tuesdays 7 PM, except for the second Tuesday
- Bacon and Eggs Net - Weekdays 7 AM
- Merced ARES Net - Mondays 7 PM
- San Joaquin Section ARES Net - Sundays 7:30 PM

2024 Dues

Just a reminder, dues are now payable for 2024. Dues help with upkeep on the TARC repeater system and club events. Please include a [membership application](#) to help keep our information up to date. Thanks!

- Individual Membership: \$25
- Family Membership: \$35

Are you receiving TARC emails? If not [head over to W6BXN.org](#) and subscribe.

2024 Club Officers

To protect TARC members' personal information, we will no longer post the list of members on the club website. For all club inquiries, including membership status, please send an email to info@w6bxn.org.

President Bambi KI6YQL

Vice President/ARC-OVER Editor Lucian KF6NPG

Secretary Eric K7RKU

Treasurer Mike KG6VFL

Sergeant at Arms Jerry KN6GJK

Member at Large/ Membership John N6JCS

Member at Large Lynn KM6DKF

Club Trustee Spencer KJ6ART

We are always looking for articles or items of interest for the ARC-OVER. If you have something for the newsletter, please send to info@w6bxn.org.